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Lenossi, Kuderik win school board election

Ashley Lawrence
Staff Writer

The votes are in and incumbent Betty Lenossi and newcomer Thomas Kuderik were successful in their bids for election to the Romulus school board Monday night.

Only 697 residents voted as Lenossi won with 490 votes and Kuderik followed with 401. Candidates Dennis Lubas received 136 votes and Leo Knasiak received 171.

As the polls closed at 8 p.m., Kuderik said he was a nervous about the outcome of the race.

"I was surprised that I won to tell you the truth," said Kuderik. "People kept telling me I was going to win, but I never thought I had it in the bag."

Kuderik said now that the election is over, he can begin to get down to business helping to better the schools.

"Running for this election has been very time consuming and has taken the help of a number of differ-

ent people, but most importantly my family," he said. "It has been tough, but we got through it together."

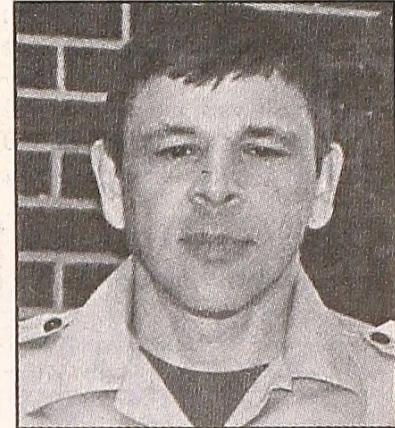
Kuderik's sons, Thomas and Justin, and his wife, Pam, were his support system throughout the process, said Kuderik. His sons would stay up late stuffing envelopes and folding flyers and never complained once. Something that really impressed the new school board member.

Kuderik now has his sights set

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Betty Lenossi



Thomas Kuderik



Award night

Students at Romulus Middle School were honored at the school recent awards night. Awards were given in many categories including math, language arts, social studies, science, band, performing arts, leadership, scholar athlete, academic excellence and the principal's award. More than 100 students received awards during the event.

Summer program keeps children safe

Ashley Lawrence
Staff Writer

Students participating in the Romulus Boys and Girls summer program are getting a dose of reality each week.

will be given a number of different clues to help them in a challenge they are given. The winning team will then be hailed as the winner for that day. The team with the most wins at the end of the week will receive a prize.

The staff also keeps track of the number of activities of each participant on a point system and at the end of each month the top six receive a special treat.

"It is probably the most looked forward to thing during the program," said Peat.

The top six participants are allowed to throw a pie in the face of a staff member of their choosing.

It's not something the staff enjoys a lot, but Peat said the students get a kick out of it.

The summer program, which began June 14 and runs through Aug. 20, keeps children busy and safe during the summer months, according to club director Frank Rigger.

"It is a great place for the kids to go each day," said Rigger. "And

our hours are so long that it's great for working parents."

There are two programs during the summer at both Boys and Girls Club locations at Merriman Elementary School and Wick Elementary School.

The Youth Enrichment Activities (YEA) program begins at 7:30 a.m. Monday through Friday and goes until the regular summer program begins at 10 a.m.

"So parents have the advantage of being able to drop their kids off at 7:30 a.m. and pick them up again at 6 p.m.," said Rigger. "And the parents know where they are and what they are doing."

Other than the weekly themed events, children have the opportunity to play board games in the game room, play outside games and also participate in different sports in the school gym.

"We really try to keep the kids

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Zoning amendments win final council OK

Ashley Lawrence
Staff Writer

Romulus City Council members approved the second reading and final adoption of five amendments to the zoning ordinance in Romulus at the regular meeting Tuesday night.

All of the amendments received the two-thirds majority vote required for approval, despite some council members disapproval.

The changes came as the result of a six-month moratorium approved by council on Dec. 8, 2003 that has since expired. The council approved the moratorium in part because of an impending development by Orco Investments. The development prompted complaints from neighbors and council members questioned the best way to protect the rural neighborhood.

The moratorium was designed to give council members time to analyze current zoning standards and to address their ability to pro-

tect the rural character and large tract size of low residential density lands within the neighborhood located south of Wabash, west of the CSX railroad, east of Hannan and north of Pennsylvania, according to city officials.

The process also gave residents a chance for input through a number of public hearings hosted by both the planning commission and the city council.

Land currently zoned as a R1B district would allow a home to be constructed every 60 feet. The residents living nearby asked to rezone requiring 1-acre parcels of land. More than 100 residents signed a petition, which was submitted to the council at the Dec. 8 meeting.

The first newly adopted amendment creates a new district within the moratorium area. The new rural character overlay district and sidewalk, curb and gutter relief gives residents in the area exactly what they were looking for

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Police investigate hit-and-run accident

Ashley Lawrence
Staff Writer

Romulus police are still investigating a hit and run accident on Colorado Street near Avalon Street that left one pedestrian seriously injured June 7.

Lt. John Leacher of the Romulus Police Department said the circumstances surrounding the accident are not being released to the public at this time.

"We don't want to release any information yet, because we are

still talking with people," he said. "We don't want to taint the investigation."

Leacher said police have a suspect, but are not releasing any information.

The suspect was driving a maroon, mid-1980s Chevrolet Monte Carlo, which was recovered last week, according to Leacher.

Police did not have an update on the condition of the injured pedestrian.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Romulus Ofc. Terry Balewski at (734) 941-8400.



Cutting in

Mayor Alan Lambert participated in the grand opening ceremony of a new Romulus business called Pur-Fick Studios, featuring manicures, pedicures and free-hand nail art along with glamour photography. Pictured from left to right are Julie Fick, owner with her son, Kyle Fick, Lambert and Monica Friday, nail technician.

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on being an involved member of the board and finding out how everything works.

"Now I just need to get my name plate and find out where I sit and get to work," he said.

Kuderik said he plans on being a voice for the residents of Romulus, but most importantly for the students. He said he wants to get the word out to both parents and students about what the Romulus schools have to offer in both academics and sports.

"We can all work together as a team and help shape the future of all of these young people in the schools," he said. "I want to know everything there is to know about our district. I want to know where the money is, how it is spent and I want people to be held accountable for it."

Lenossi knows a thing or two about being held accountable as an 8-year veteran of the school board, but she said she is looking to the future to make some big changes.

"Right now we are OK in Romulus," she said. "But come the 2005-2006 school year some big

things are going to need to happen in Romulus schools for us to continue the quality of education we currently have."

Lenossi said that funds in the district are down and the cut at the state level in the amount the district receives per child is going to really hit during the 2005-2006 school year.

"This was a main reason I ran for re-election," said Lenossi.

"I wanted to be on the school board to oversee all the changes that are going to be made in the next couple of years to make sure the right decisions were made for the welfare of our kids."

aways.

"Our road show has gained popularity each year among AARP publication advertisers and consumers alike," said Group Publisher Jim Fishman.

Nodwell said that he is very happy that AARP chose Belleville as one of their stops.

"We want to make a good impression so we can bring them back to the festival," said Nodwell.

Youth group hosts event to stop underage smoking

Ashley Lawrence
Staff Writer

The Pen Enrichment Community Center in Romulus is ready to stomp out youth tobacco use, according to Gina Wilson, director of the program.

"We want to get the word out about underage smoking," said Wilson. "But we want to do it in a different way. Something that makes will kids sit up and take notice."

To that end, the group, made up of youths in Romulus, decided to get the word out themselves. Wilson said the group decided that if they were telling other kids their same age not to smoke, then maybe they would listen.

"Nobody, especially kids, like it when their parents tell them to do something, or not to do something. So, we all figured the kids would listen if it was coming from their peers."

Gina Wilson

the skit for the other kids," said Wilson.

Along with the singing portion of the event, choirs will also be required to participate in a pledge drive within the community.

Wilson said those who signed the pledge would be promising not to smoke, something that Wilson sees as imperative in the world today.

"Kids start smoking on average at the age of 11 now," she said. "That is scary and we need to try to do something to stop it."

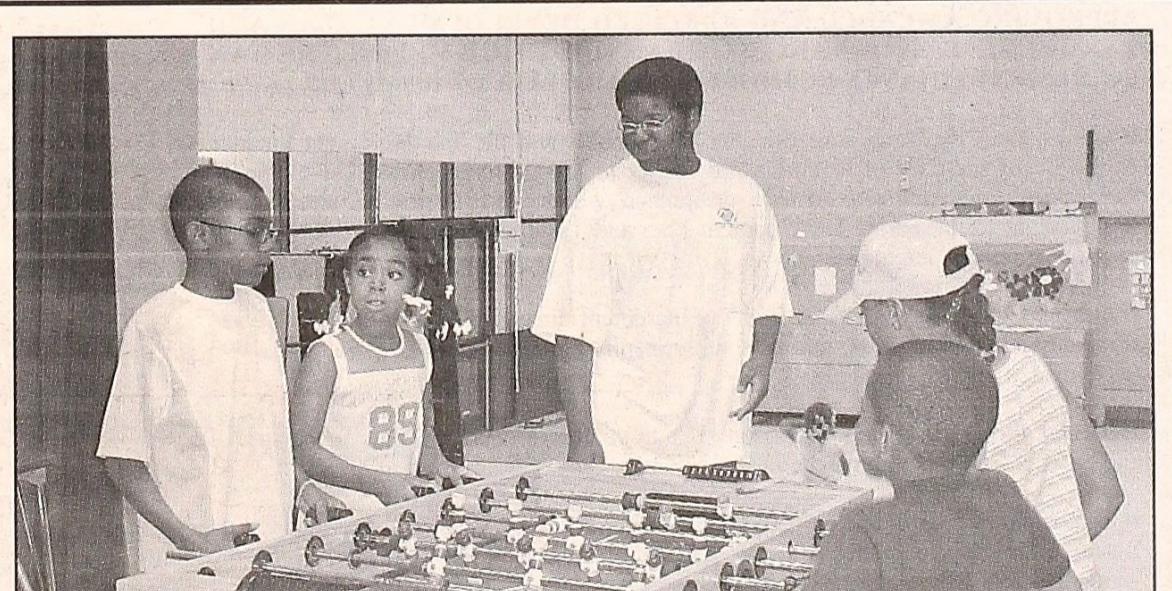
Awards will be given to the best singing group, as well as the group who collects the most pledges.

The youth group has received some help in hosting this event from the Prevention Network, a coalition to support and expand community substance abuse prevention efforts.

The group was awarded a special populations grant in the amount of \$3,700 from Prevention Network. Recipients of this grant have designed projects that are creative, innovative and culturally appropriate for a special population, according to Shelia Taylor, Prevention Network director.

"Projects like this represent the finest efforts of communities throughout Michigan who are working to create healthy environments free of alcohol, tobacco and other drug problems," said Taylor.

For more information call Wilson at (734) 728-1273.



A group of students played foosball to pass the time at the Wick Elementary site of the Boys and Girls summer program.

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occupied with a bunch of different activities every day," said Peat. "And we also give them different options, so everyone doesn't have to do

the same thing all the time."

In order to join the summer program, students must have a membership to the club, which is \$30 annually.

There is also a \$20 fee per child for the summer program.

Parents wishing to enroll their children in the early

morning YEAH program are also required to pay an additional \$100 per child.

Places are always open in the summer program, so it is still not too late, according to Rigger.

For more information, call (734) 941-5839.

District

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from council throughout the process.

Dean Gilbert, a resident in the district living on Cogswell Road voiced his feelings about his land during the meeting.

"I've got my deer, my bunny rabbits and my mosquitoes and I like them."

As the amendment was approved a filled council chamber let out a roar of applause.

The second amendment approved creates a new category for accessory building sizes throughout the entire city. With the new zoning amendment, a 750-square foot building can now be built on 20,000-square feet of land. Lots with 20,001 square feet to an acre can now have a 1,200 square foot structure and 1-acre or more of property will now be allowed a 1,500 square foot structure.

"This is a pretty good compromise," said a resident on Cogswell Road.

A third amendment deals with width-to-depth ratio relief. The approval of this now gives the zoning board of appeals new criteria to follow in evaluating requests to exceed the four-to-one ratio that is currently allowed by the state.

Council then approved two rezoning amendments within the moratorium area. The first rezoned 373 acres south of Wabash Road and west of Huron River Drive to the newly created rural overlay district, a move recommended by the planning commission and supported by a majority of residents in this neighborhood.

The second change deals with 419 acres west and east of Huron River Drive and north of Eureka.

Residents in this portion of the city said they felt as though they have been rezoned enough during the last couple of years, winning the support of both councilmen William Crova and Mike Prybyla.

In the end, two-thirds of the council members approved the amendment despite the support of Crova and Prybyla.

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL
HELD MAY 25, 2004 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER
ROMULUS CITY HALL, 1111 S. WAYNE ROAD,
ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174.**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Debbie Romak.
Present: LeRoy Burcroff, William Crova, Charles Miller, Michael Prybyla, Debbie Romak, William Wadsworth.

Absent: None.

Excused: Mayor Pro Tem Randolph Gear.(on Military Duty)

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

Alan Lambert, Mayor

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk

Pamela Morrison/Kersey, CMFA, Treasurer

1. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to approve the agenda as amended*.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-227

2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Miller to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held May 10, 2004.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Romak, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Abstain - Prybyla.

Motion Carried.

04-228

3A. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Wadsworth to grant a No-Fee Car Wash Permit to the Future Youth Basketball Team, to be held on May 25, 29, and June 12, 19, and July 24, and 31, 2004, at 11056 Delano, Romulus, Michigan.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-229

3B. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to concur with the recommendation of Cynthia Lyon, AICP, City Planner, and approve the clarification on the Master Plan Update consistent with the recommendation of Planning Commission on March 15, 2004 and with the Public involvement proposal prepared by Langworthy, Strader LeBlanc and Associates, Inc., in their letter dated March 5, 2004. Those recommendations are:

- Two additional public meetings prior to adoption are necessary
- Continue to utilize publication notices in the Romulus Roman and on cable.
- Prepare flyers for the Planning Commission and City Council to hand out.
- Involve the School Board in the process for notification and public involvement.
- Reminder notices to be included on the City water bills.

Further, to authorize expenditures up to \$2,500 to implement above recommendations.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-230

3C. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to adopt the **RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDED AND RESTATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PLAN (DISTRICT H) FOR THE TAX INCREMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF ROMULUS**

Whereas, the City Council of the City of Romulus and the Tax Increment Finance Authority of the City of Romulus previously created three separate Development Areas within the Authority District, designated as District I, District II, and District III, pursuant to a separate Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan for each Development Area; and

Whereas, the Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan for District II was originally adopted in 1984, and was subsequently amended in 1986, 1989 and 1993 (as amended the "Plan"); and

Whereas, the Development Plans and Tax Increment Financing Plans for District I and District III have terminated; and

Whereas, the authority has prepared and recommended for approval an Amended and Restated Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan for District II (the "amended and Restated Plan to update the scope of projects for the Development Area and amend the boundaries of the Development Area to include a portion of the property which was previously in District I and District III (the "Proposed Development Area"); and

Whereas, the Authority's resolution approving the Amended and Restated Plan was adopted on April 13, 2004; and

Whereas, on May 25, 2004, the City Council held a public hearing on the Amended and Restated Plan pursuant to and in accordance with the requirements of Act 450, Public Acts of Michigan, 1980, as amended ("Act 450"); and

Whereas, the City Council has given the taxing jurisdictions in which the Development Area is located an opportunity to meet with the City Council and to express their views and recommendation regarding the Amended and Restated Plan,

as required by Act 450; and,

Whereas, after consideration of the Amended and Restated Plan, the City Council has determined to approve the amendments and to ratify, approve and confirm the Amended and Restated Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Findings.

- (a) The Amended and Restated Plan meets the requirements set forth in Act 450.
- (b) The proposed method of financing the development is feasible and the Authority has the ability to arrange the financing.
- (c) The development is reasonable and necessary to carry out the purpose of Act 450.
- (d) The amount of captured assessed value estimated to result from adoption of the Amended and Restated Plan is reasonable.
- (e) The land to be acquired within the development area, if any, is reasonably necessary to carry out the purposes of the Amended and Restated Plan and the purposes of Act 450.
- (f) The Plan, as amended by the Amended and Restated Plan, is in reasonable accord with the approved master plan of the City.
- (g) Public services, such as fire and police protection and utilities, are or will be adequate to service the development area.
- (h) Changes in zoning, streets, street levels, intersections, and utilities, are reasonably necessary for the project and for the City.

2. Public Purpose. The City Council hereby determines that the Amended and Restated Plan constitutes a public purpose.

3. Best Interest of the Public. The City Council hereby determines that it is in the best interests of the public to proceed with the Amended and Restated Plan in order to halt the causes which result in property value deterioration, increase property tax valuation, prevent urban deterioration, encourage economic growth and encourage neighborhood revitalization.

4. Approval and Adoption of Amended and Restated Plan. The Amended and Restated Plan is hereby approved and adopted, ratified and confirmed. A copy of the Amended and Restated Plan, and all later amendments thereto shall be maintained on file in the City Clerk's office.

5. Amendment of Previous Resolutions: Conflict and Severability. The resolution approving the Plan and the resolutions approving prior amendments to the Plan are hereby amended to the extent necessary to incorporate the changes to the Plan as amended by the Amended and Restated Plan, and is otherwise ratified and confirmed as being in full force and effect. All other ordinances, resolutions and orders or parts thereof conflict with the provisions of this resolution are to the extent of such conflict hereby repealed, and each section of the resolution and each subdivision of any section thereof is hereby declared to be independent, and the finding or holding of any section or subdivision thereof to be invalid or void shall not be deemed or held to affect the validity of any other section or subdivision of this resolution.

6. Paragraph Headings. The paragraph headings in this resolution are furnished for convenience of reference only and shall not be considered to be a part of this resolution.

7. Effective Date. This Resolution is hereby determined by the City Council to immediately necessary for the interests of the City and shall be in full force and effect immediately.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-231

3D. Motion by Miller, supported by Crova to grant a No-Fee Fund Raiser Permit to Mount Olive Baptist Church, 35565 Beverly Road, Romulus, Michigan, 48174, to sell dinners on Saturdays, May 29, through August 2004.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Wadsworth to accept the Chairman's Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-232

5A1. Motion by Miller, supported by Prybyla to adopt a resolution opposing the exorbitant overhead charges to the Downriver Sewer System by Wayne County and request that the Clerk forward copies to Wayne County Commissioner Edward Boike, Wayne County Executive, Robert Ficano and the twelve member cities of the Downriver Sewer System. Complete Resolution on file in the Clerks office.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Romak, Prybyla, Wadsworth. Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-233

5B. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Miller to introduce Budget Amendment 03/04-41:

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FUND/DEPT.	ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDED	AMENDED BUDGET
<u>General Fund:</u>					
<u>Expenditures</u>					
101-1220-712.77-12		Contractual Attorney Fees	53,450	15,000	68,450
<u>Fund Balance</u>		<u>AVAILABLE</u>	<u>APPROPRIATE</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>	
General Fund		1,001,429	15,000	986,429	

To appropriate additional fees associated with Dykema Gossett, PLLC through June 30, 2004.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-234

5C. Motion by Crova, supported by Prybyla to introduce Budget Amendment 03/04-42:

FUND/DEPT.	ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDED	AMENDED BUDGET
<u>Fire Department</u>					
<u>Expenditure :</u>					
101-3410-734.77-30		Contractual Services	38,634	6,733	45,367
<u>Revenues:</u>					
101-3410-511.68-01		Training/Tuition Reimbursement	27,632	6,733	34,365

To recognize additional revenues and expenditures for the cost of the Paramedic Classes that are being offered to outside departments and conducted through the Fire Department thru June 30, 2004.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-235

5D. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to introduce Budget Amendment 03/04

FUND/DEPT.	ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDED	AMENDED BUDGET
<u>General Fund</u>					
<u>Expenditures:</u>					
101-0000-302.10-04		302-Police Training Reserve:	10,500	8,717	19,217
302-Police Training Grant:					
101-3410-511.68-01			8,717	(8,717)	0

To relieve the reserve for 302 Police Training Grant to allow for expenditures through June 30, 2004.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes- Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-236

5E. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Prybyla to introduce Budget Amendment 03/04-45:

FUND/DEPT.	ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDED	AMENDED BUDGET
<u>Department of Public Works</u>					
<u>Revenues:</u>					
101-4110-511.47-73		Soil Erosion Permits	31,150	10,000	41,150
<u>Expenditures:</u>					
101-4110-741.77-42		Contractual Services- Soil erosion Expense	16,150	10,000	26,150

To recognize additional revenues collected and the offsetting expenditures for the Soil Erosion Permit program thru June 30,2004.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-237

5F. Motion by Crova, supported by Wadsworth to concur with the administration and adopt the updated Building Department Fees schedule effective July 1, 2004, for building, plumbing, electrical, mechanical and fire suppression permits as presented by Director, Randy McMahon. Complete updated fees schedule on file in the Clerks office.

CITY OF ROMULUS BUILDING DEPARTMENT FEE SCHEDULE EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2004

Building permit - fee based on construction cost:

Base Fee	\$35.00
Each \$1,000 cost of improvement or fraction thereof	\$10.00

Foundation Permit

\$100.00

City Certification inspections:

Residential (single-family, multiple-family, hotels, etc.)	\$125.00
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Each additional unit	\$30.00
Commercial	\$170.00
Industrial	\$225.00
(City Cert fees include initial write up & 2 inspections -	
additional inspections)	\$25.00
Temporary Certificate of Occupancy Processing Fee	\$25.00
Demolition:	
Under 10,000 sq. ft.	\$80.00
10,000 sq. ft. and over	\$125.00
Fire inspection for repair	\$65.00
Mobile Home Trailer Set-Up	\$90.00
Moving of buildings:	
Residential dwelling moved within the City*	\$100.00
Accessory building moved into the City	\$100.00
Residential dwelling moved into the City*	\$170.00
*accessory building on same site included	
Permit Renewal	\$15.00
Plan Review Fee (now single-family residences, newadditions/ alterations of com/ind const.) First \$3,000,000 of construction cost x .0013, remainder of construction cost x .0005 (Minimum Plan Review Fee \$100.00)	
Electrical, Mechanical, Plumbing plan review fee: 25% of building plan review fee	
Recall/Reinspection Fee	\$40.00
Reoccupancy Application Review Fee	\$75.00
Signs	building permit fee
Site Grade Review Fee	\$100.00
Special Inspection	\$55.00
Swimming Pools:	
Above Ground	\$35.00
Below Ground	building permit fee
Zoning permits (fences; sheds not exceeding 120 sq. ft. for com/ind sheds and 200 sq. ft. for residential sheds; sidewalks and driveways; agricultural bldgs; awnings/fixed canopies)	\$55.00
Refunds-City will retain base fee (permit fee refund only if inspection has not been made)	
Starting work prior to securing a permit will result in a double fee	
Base Fee	\$35.00
Circuits-120 volt (non-motorized)	\$5.00
220 volt (electric stove, electric dryer, etc.)	\$10.00
Connections (Air conditioner Dishwasher, Furnace, Garbage Disposal, Exhaust Fan, Hood Fan)	\$15.00
Feeders/Conduit/Bus:	
First 100 ft	\$20.00
Each additional 100 ft	\$10.00
Interruptible A/C Meter Cabinet	\$35.00
Lighting Fixtures (each 25)	\$10.00
Motors/Transformers:	
114 hp, kw or kva to 10 - first unit	\$15.00
Each additional unit	\$5.00
10 to 30 hp - first unit	\$20.00
Each additional unit	\$10.00
30 to 50 hp - first unit	\$30.00
Each additional unit	\$15.00
Over 50 hp - first unit	\$45.00
Each additional unit	\$20.00
Outdoor meter cabinet	\$35.00
Service/Sub-Panel (sub-service):	
100 amp service/sub-panel	\$35.00
101-400 amp service/sub-panel	\$45.00
Over 400 amp service/sub-panel	\$65.00
Sub-service to Accessory Building:	
30-60 amp	\$45.00
Over 60 amp	\$65.00
Smoke Detectors:	
First 5 units	\$5.00
Each additional 4 units	\$5.00
Sump Pump	\$15.00
Inspection - Carnival/Circus	\$45.00
Inspection - Generator	\$45.00
Inspection - Rough (more than one rough inspection)	\$20.00
inspection - Special (base fee not required)	\$55.00
City Cert Repair Permit (base fee not required)	\$55.00
Recall Fee/Rainspection Fee (base fee not required)	\$40.00
Signs:	
Sign Circuit Tag Inspection	\$25.00
Each additional sign connection	\$5.00
Neon tubing - each 50 ft or less	\$10.00
Alarm Systems:	
City pull box, each box	\$15.00
House master panel each panel	\$30.00
Pull station - first five stations or less	\$15.00
Each additional two stations	\$5.00
Fire alarm signal devices - first five devices or less	\$5.00
Each additional four stations or fraction thereof	\$5.00
Heat and smoke detectors -first five detectors or less	\$5.00
Each additional four detectors	\$5.00
Sprinkler system - wet only	\$30.00
Sprinkler system - wet and dry	\$45.00
Alterations or additions to existing systems	\$30.00
Electrical Registration Fee	\$25.00
Refunds - City will retain base fee (permit fee refund only If inspection has not been made)	
Starting work prior to securing a permit shall result in a double fee	
Base Fee	\$35.00
Boiler:	
First 200,000 BTU	\$45.00

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Each additional 100,000 BTU	\$10.00
Chimney, Chimney Liner, Fire place chimney	\$45.00
Conversion System:	
First 200,000 BTU	\$55.00
Each additional 100,000 BTU	\$10.00
Ductwork, Sheet Metal Piping:	
First 40 ft	\$55.00
Each additional 4 ft	\$5.00
Fire Damper	\$25.00
Exhaust Hood	\$45.00
Exhaust Fan - 1,000 cfm or less	\$25.00
over 1,000 cfm	\$65.00
Generator (gas fired)	\$35.00
Gas Pressure Test - Residential	\$45.00
Gas Pressure Test - Commercial/Industrial	\$65.00
Hot Water and Steam Distribution:	
0" to 2" - First 40'	\$45.00
Each additional 4'	\$5.00
Over 2 1/4" to 4"	\$55.00
Each additional 4'	\$5.00
Over 4 1/4" and over	\$80.00
Each additional 4'	\$5.00
Humidifier	\$25.00
New Systems: Warm Air Furnace, Electric Unit Heater, Infrared, Temporary:	
First 200,000 BTU	\$45.00
Each additional 100,000 BTU	\$10.00
Air Handler	\$35.00
Refrigeration Units - Self Contained System:	
2 hp or less	\$35.00
Over 2 hp to 5 hp	\$55.00
Over 5 hp to 50 hp	\$80.00
Over 50 hp	\$125.00
Spray Booth	\$55.00
Water Heater (replacement only)	\$5.00
Inspection - Rough (more than one rough inspection)	\$20.00
Inspection - Special (base fee not required)	\$55.00
Recall Fee/Reinspection Fee (base fee not required)	\$40.00
Mechanical Registration Fee	\$15.00
Refunds - City will obtain base fee (permit fee refund only if inspection has not been made)	
Starting work prior to securing a permit will result in a double fee	
Base Fee	\$35.00
Air Conditioning Units	\$10.00
Back Flow Preventors (all types)	\$10.00
Basement Drain Tile (inside drains)	\$10.00
Bathtub/Shower Liners (all)	\$10.00
Building Sewer to Drain Connections (each)	\$10.00
Catch Basins	\$10.00
Dishwashing Machine	\$10.00
Drinking Fountains	\$10.00
Floor drains (each)	\$10.00
Fountain (other)	\$10.00
Garbage Disposal	\$10.00
Hose Bibbs	\$10.00
Humidifiers	\$10.00
Ice Makers	\$10.00
Laundry Trays	\$10.00
Lavatories	\$10.00
Pump or Water Lift	\$10.00
Shower Traps	\$10.00
Sinks (any description)	\$10.00
Stacks (new & alterations)	\$10.00
Stand Pipes	\$10.00
Sump Pump	\$10.00
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Washing Machines	\$10.00
Water Closets	\$10.00
Water Heaters	\$10.00
Water Treatment Devices	\$10.00
Other Fixtures Not Listed	\$10.00
Water Distribution:	
3/4" Service	\$10.00
1" Service	\$15.00
1 1/4" Service	\$20.00
1 1/2" Service	\$27.00
2" Service	\$45.00
3" Service	\$65.00
4" Service	\$90.00
Over 4" Service	\$110.00
Inspection - Rough (more than one rough inspection)	\$20.00
Inspection - Special (base fee not required)	\$55.00
Recall/Reinspection Fee (base fee not required)	\$40.00
Commercial Automatic Washing Machines:	
First Unit	\$35.00
Each additional unit	\$10.00
Manholes	\$4.00
Plumbing Registration Fee	\$1.00
Refunds - City will obtain base fee (permit fee refund only if inspection has not been made)	
Starting work prior to securing a permit will result in a double fee	
Base Fee	\$35.00
Sprinkler System Units:	
each unit	\$1.00
Water Distribution System for Sprinklers:	
3/4" Service to 1 1/2" Service	\$25.00
Exceeding 1 1/2" Service	\$50.00
Recall/Reinspection fee	\$40.00
Mechanical Registration Fee (must indicate "Fire Suppression")	\$15.00

Starting work prior to securing a permit will result in a double fee
Refunds - City will retain base fee (permit fee refund only if inspection has not been made)

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-238

5G. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Burcroff to extend Bid #03/04-21, 2004 Bulk Road Salt with Morton Salt Company for the current per ton price of \$35.89 through April 30, 2005.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes-Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-239

5H. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Wadsworth to award Bid #03/04-35, Contractual Services - three (3) year contract for the repair and maintenance of water & sewer lines on an as needed basis for jobs that are not repairable by city staff, to the lowest qualified bidder, Pritula & Sons Excavating.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-240

5I. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Miller to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the Storm Water Retention/Detention Agreement with Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witness for property commonly known as 6255 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan, 48174, and to implement mosquito control in said system.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-241

6A1. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Wadsworth to concur with the Executive Advisory Appointment Committee and appoint the following citizens to the Downtown Development Authority Development Area Citizens Council:

Julie Allison	Annette Apsley
Joshua Elwart	Susan Hunt
Travestine Marion	Randy Moffat
Angela Morris	Sharon Walker
Eva Webb	

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-242

6A3. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crova to approve second reading and final adoption of Budget Amendments 03/04-38 and 43.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays -None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-243

11A. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Burcroff to authorize the Treasurer of the City of Romulus to disburse funds as listed in Warrant 04-10 (excluding Fund 301, the Beverly Road Construction amount), in the amount of Eight Hundred, Ninety One Thousand, Seven Hundred Forty Four Dollars and Forty Cents (\$891,744.40).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Burcroff, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Abstain - Crova.
Motion Carried.

04-244

11B. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Burcroff to authorize the Treasurer of the City of Romulus to disburse funds listed in Warrant 04-10 for Fund 301, the Beverly Road Construction in the amount of Three Hundred, Seven Dollars, and Fifty Cents (307.50).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Prybyla, Wadsworth.
Nays - Miller, Romak.
Motion Carried.

12. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

Lind R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus

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OPINION

A privilege ignored

It's difficult to say why voters typically don't turn out for school board elections.

Whatever the reason for this apathy, it marks a disturbing trend, a lack of concern about who will be making important decisions that ultimately affect every one of us. A school board decision is more likely to affect us than a decision made in Lansing or Washington, but the number of people who turn out in those elections is dramatically higher, on average, than those who turn out for school board races.

Here are a few numbers from the dismal Monday turnout:

In Plymouth-Canton, 2,756 ballots were cast. There are 72,000 registered voters in this community. That's less than 4 percent.

In Romulus, 697 people voted from a 15,600 population electorate. That's about 4.5 percent.

In the Wayne-Westland district, there were 1,399 ballots cast from 72,000 registered voters, less than 2 percent. And they were happy there, because that's about double the number they had during the last election.

The largest turnout by far was in Northville, where 4,300 turned out to vote from 23,000 registered voters, about 19 percent. Perhaps they have hit upon the secret to increasing voter turnout: ask people for money. Voters also decided a \$35 million bond issue, there.

Even when those types of issues are not on the ballot, however, these are still important elections, in part because of those listed above.

It's also important to remember that the school districts are among the largest taxing entities for every one of us, and when our children's future is jeopardized, the school board is one of the first places we turn to. Paying more attention now, and getting the right people in office, can help eliminate those more adversarial confrontations.

Maybe the media holds a bit of the blame, too. School board elections aren't always publicized the way others are. We continually solicit new blood, new people to join the races and then have a tendency to endorse those with the most experience, anyway. It can foster the opinion that the races aren't worth entering if an incumbent isn't retiring, and they're not worth voting in because the conclusion is foregone.

Perhaps the consolidation of elections, if it takes place next year as scheduled, will help bring more people to the polls. Let's hope so.

The right to vote is something that people in many other countries hold sacred. It should be that way here, too. We haven't had it long enough to become complacent about it.

It's time to get more people interested in voting again. We'll do our part, if you do yours.

Should we raise it, or raze it?

So what's better: a blank canvas or the kernel of an idea to work from?

Well, any artist will tell you, it depends on what the idea is, and the size of the canvas.

Officials in the City of Wayne are pondering a version of that question with a tax-reverted property on Michigan Avenue. Is it worth more with a dilapidated 11,000 square foot building on it, or is it more valuable as a vacant site, full of promise?

On one hand is the argument that the building itself is ugly. It would take a great deal of money to make it look attractive. Its size, coupled with the parking restrictions there, make it highly unlikely to become any kind of nice, viable business. If the building weren't there, the door is opened for more creativity.

On the other side is the argument that if the city tears down the

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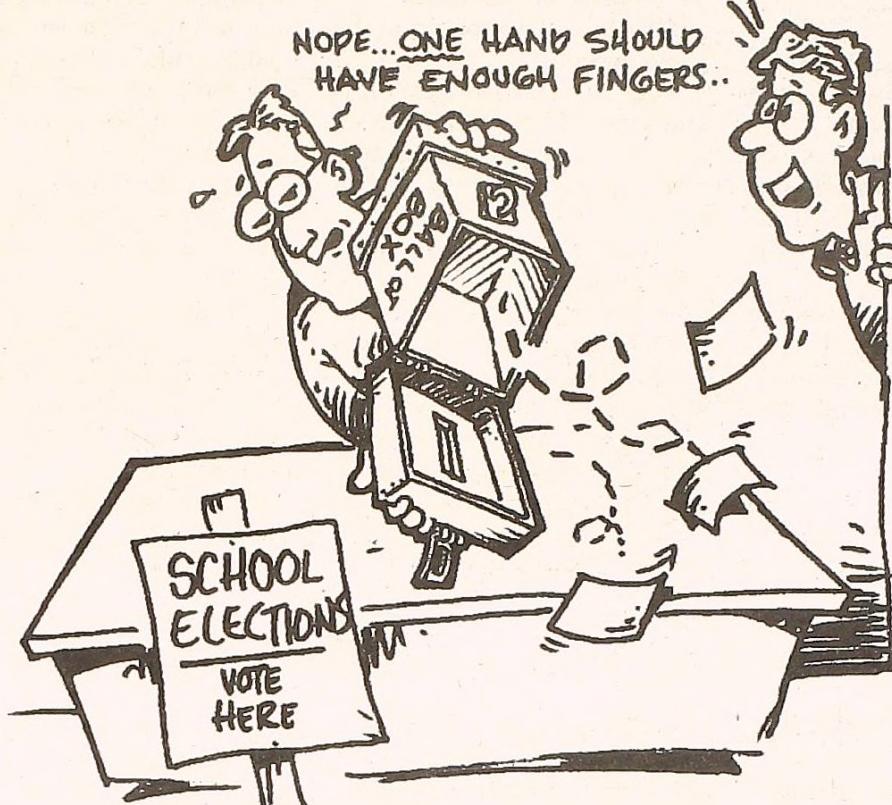
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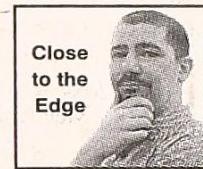
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NEED A HAND COUNTING BALLOTS??



A man who understands



by Scott Spielman

I remember one thing from my college economics class: the law of marginal utility.

It basically says that you get more enjoyment out of something – an experience, a product, a service – the first time you use it than you do when you use it after that.

If that's the case, then I may be in trouble with Westland City Council meetings, because truthfully, I didn't enjoy that too much, at all.

Now, there have been instances in my life that have caused me to question the law of marginal utility before; a series of exceptionally cold micro-brewed beer can do it, on occasion. I've re-read books and re-watched movies, catching something different in subsequent viewings or readings that led to a more complete enjoyment of the work.

But this is different.

The source for my displeasure came at the tail end of the meeting, when the council members gave their comments on items

that weren't on the agenda that night. I actually debated with myself about mentioning this, because I'm relatively new to the council meetings, don't have the full background of what they were talking about, and I wondered if it would be better off left alone.

Anyone who's ever been to or watched a city council meeting in Westland knows that, just because the council comments portion of the meeting comes at the end, the meeting can be far from over when they get underway.

But it was my first one back in the city, so I sat still and listened to all of them, eventually keeping track of the time the council members spent on their own particular platforms. And truthfully, there were some good comments in there, neat events that were coming up, good things that had happened in the city, other good things that were on the horizon, and plenty of condolences to Eileen DeHart, who had just suffered through a family tragedy.

And then there was the rest of it, fall-out out from previous arguments, comments about who gets better coverage from which newspaper, who's doing what and not doing what, who gets along with who, who's left out of all the discussion, who should have been quoted on this project and what have you.

Yikes.

I have to tell you, I didn't write any of it down, except for a few quotes from Jim Godbout, council president pro-tem. Maybe it's because he was the last person to speak, and by then I was so fed up that I had picked up my pen, again.

"There's a lot of posturing going on here," he said. "It serves no useful purpose. It's counter-productive. I'd rather spend time doing things to try to better our community."

Granted, that's a bit of posturing on his own part, but the man has a point. That's what the council is there for, right?



by Ernie Harwell

care of our health before it's loonnggg gone.

Ernie Harwell, "the voice of the Detroit Tigers" for more than four decades, retired after 55 years behind a major league microphone. Today, at age 86,

Ernie's days are filled with serving as a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, public appearances, writing, traveling and taking long walks with "Miss Lulu," his wife of more than 60 years. His latest book, a collection of his baseball columns entitled "Life After Baseball," is available at local bookstores or by calling 1-800-245-5082.

Health resources are plentiful

Too often, people only think about their health when something's wrong, and sometimes not even then. We've all seen it. Uncle Joe who hasn't been to a doctor in 20 years. Your friend who keeps eating those greasy burgers and fries, despite having gained several pounds.

I'd like to see people be more aware of their health and use the numerous resources available to help them take better care of themselves. The resources are everywhere.

It starts with picking a doctor you're comfortable with and developing a strong relationship. Find a doctor who's easy to talk to and who focuses on your needs.

And be sure to ask questions and take notes. Be an active participant, not a spectator.

In addition to a good doctor, you can help yourself by gathering information and learning from other credible sources, such as:

Employer-sponsored wellness programs and health fairs

Health plan programs and newsletters

The Internet (reputable sources)

Your pharmacist

Qualified personal trainers

We're surrounded by resources that can help us lead healthier lives. It's up to us to recognize and take advantage of them. After all, we need to take

Open that family photo album before it's too late

John Thomas Lee was 70 years old when he bid us all goodbye. My son, Jason, called to tell me about our friend Chris' dad.

"God, I'm itching already," I told my son. "This funeral home allergy gets me every time."

"Are you going?" Jason asked.

"Of course, even though I do my best to avoid places like that."

"Meet you there," Jason said and hung up.

I was uncomfortable walking into the funeral home. There's something about seeing the dearly departed that makes me think too much about you-know-who's departing.

Walking in, I saw Chris, and was relieved when I saw that John Thomas' wish of cremation

had been granted. An urn with his ashes sat in the front. The room was also full of pictures that went back to the 1930s.

My son and we looked at the photos together.

I offered condolences to Chris and said, "Wow, there's some great pictures here. That one really says your Dad was a tough guy."

"Yeah, he was, and what's amazing is that I've never seen a lot of those pictures. A cousin had them and I'm just now hearing the stories," Chris said smiling.

Born and raised in Corktown, John Thomas Lee, was a tough Irish kid in those days when Chinatown bordered Corktown. The toughness came young. It

was Christmas Eve when John Thomas was 5 years old that his father walked out on John, his two brothers and a sister, leaving his wife for another woman.

John, like a lot of the Irish kids, was involved in quite a few street skirmishes. He was heading nowhere fast...until.

"When he was 25 or so, for some reason, he started spending more time with the Chinese," Chris said.

The reason, I suspect, had a lot to do with Pearl. It was at the Chinese Bowling League at Garden Bowl on Woodward that John Thomas eyed the pretty little Chinese woman.

As life and love go, John soon asked Pearl to be his wife. Not long after they headed for Royal

Oak.

John became known as "Cash," because he always had cash from the sales of newspapers and the kid's route collections. He spent 39 years working as the Royal Oak district manager for a newspaper.

"That's why I know Royal Oak so well," Chris, a Realtor, told me. "I was always with Dad, filling newspaper racks, riding around, checking on carriers."

Chris went a little misty-eyed.

"Those pictures are wonderful," he said. "And, the stories I'm hearing now, make me wish..."

He didn't finish. Instead, Chris looked at my son and I.

"Open the album now, guys. Don't wait until it's too late."

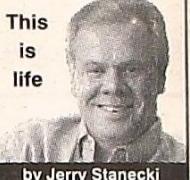
It was one of those moments.

The reminder that's it is so important to take action now. Put off work, businesses, whatever excuses you come up and remember, now, is your chance of a lifetime. Now, is when to hear the richness of the life stories from the people who lived them. That way, you'll never say, "If I only would have."

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is a Joke and God Wrote it! (\$19.50 includes taxes, shipping and handling) write PO Box 121, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48303.

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by Jerry Stanecki

Letters

Resident comments on articles

To the editor:

Over the past few months, I have read several articles in *The Wayne Eagle* that mention one park or another being rebuilt, or some being created in Novi, Westland and other cities. Many of these articles were written by or accredited to Scott Spielman. I was disturbed with one particular issue of *The Wayne Eagle* where such an article was printed.

After reading the commentary/praise on the responsibilities of maintaining such parks and recreational areas, I found an article (a filler, really) complete with photograph about an abandoned building. This building has been condemned, is an eyesore to the community and a temptation for inappropriate/illegal activity. This building is an alley-length from a city-created parking lot for businesses that have failed. This vacant building is across the street from a new business in the city that has been acclaimed and praised in your paper. In fact, this building is adjacent to *The Wayne Eagle* offices.

Mr. Spielman's hopes for the building are of prosperity and business. And yet, in other pages Mr. Spielman praises cities for their use of land for the

use of play for its children and for its sense of community. I believe Mr. Spielman has no sense of or for the community in which he works.

This condemned building sets in a subdivision with no playscape, no school playground, and no city park within a half-mile and/or without crossing major roads. The city-created parking lot covers what was once an empty "field" of gravel and grass used by neighborhood kids for play.

I was raised in Wayne and have been proud of my family's contributions to many aspects of the community. I grew up one block from the former Nankin Hospital, now boarded-up-shell. My wife, two sons, and I now live a couple hundred yards from the site. And there is still no safe place for the children to play.

Instead of worrying about the stray feline and snake in his chance photograph, I would hope Mr. Spielman has a great appreciation for the safety and development of our children. Otherwise in time we may have to seek out those other cities and their redeveloping recreational areas.

Kevin T. McKay,
Wayne

(Editor's Note: The column in question was not a filler, but a

commentary by Managing Editor Scott Spielman who is and has always been a strong proponent of city parks and recreation services in all communities, particularly in his home town of Wayne. We have not printed stories regarding recreation development in Novi as it is out of our circulation area.)

Volunteers thanked by staff

To the editor:

On behalf of the entire faculty and staff of Belleville High School, I would like to express our sincere thanks to the parent members of our new Parent Assistance Team. This dedicated group of volunteers, working with our student council staff members, was responsible for providing our graduating seniors with a safe, alcohol and drug-free celebration after commencement exercises.

The produce of their labor—this year's senior party entitled "Road Trip"—was a fantastic success. Over 80 percent of the graduating class was in attendance at the high school until 2 a.m. Friday. The decorations, prizes and food were the best we've ever seen.

It is gratifying to know that our community members stand ready and willing to support our schools and students when the need arises.

Thank you Parent Assistance

Team members.

Kevin Kelly,
Belleville High School
Assistant Principal

Volunteers receive appreciation

To the editor:

The Hillside Cemetery Advisory Board wishes to thank the many volunteers who helped place American flags May 22 on the graves of all veterans buried at Hillside Cemetery. This project is done twice each year in anticipation of Memorial Day and Veterans Day.

The 37 volunteers who helped honor our veterans included: Patti Berryman, Karry Carter and Scouts, Rickard M.J. Dawson, Carol Doane, Charlotte Doane, Mary Doane, Hilton Ehrisman, Bill Emerson, Don Evans, Bryan and Marilyn Fifer, James Fitch, Vic Franzoi, Neil Griffin, Donald Howell, Patrick Hunt, Bill and Michele Kline, Gary Doeppel, Ross Medos, James and Susan Mitchell, Maureen Moyer, Dave Pepper, Roger and Sharron Peruzzi, Dianne Sadler, Ed Sobolewski, Peggy Streight, Harry and Becky Vescoso, VFW Post 4434, Steve Walters, Marilyn Waxberg, Jack Wilson and Tillie Young.

The Hillside Cemetery Committee
City of Belleville

building, officials might scare away some potential developers who may want to use it.

Well, so what? It's a little strange that this fever of discussion should happen now, when there have only been two offers to buy the property. The city is in the ideal situation, here. They control the cards. They own the property. They don't have to sell it if the proposal doesn't meet their needs. They can restrict what will go in there, and put action to the constant verbiage of trying to improve the city.

Sure, it might put off some developers. It might mean that the dollar stores will have to look elsewhere. That sounds like a good thing, though.

The city doesn't have to accept the first ideas that come along.

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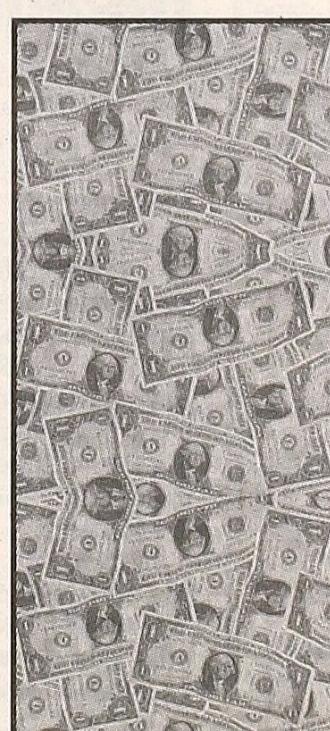
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Balancing act

Downtown development authorities buffer losses in state-shared funds

Scott Spielman
Editor

The City of Wayne joined a growing trend of municipalities seeking to bolster their general fund revenues through transfers from Downtown Development Authority budgets.

The city will contribute \$4.3 million to the general fund, up from a requested \$4.1 million, which has been the allocation during the past two years, according to Peter McInerney, director of community development for the city. In the two previous years, it was about \$2.3 million, he said.

The increasing funds are a response to the reduction in other sources of revenue many municipalities are facing, particularly the continued evaporation of state-shared revenues, funds handed down from the State of Michigan that are based on sales taxes.

"There are specific things that the city can 'charge' these (budgets) for," said Wayne City Attorney Dick Clark. Services that the city provides, like street sweeping, maintenance and others are in that group.

Other municipalities, notably older, more established cities that have felt an increasing pinch from the reduction of state shared revenue, have seen the same trend. The City of Westland recently approved a budget with a larger transfer from the DDA to the general fund, as did the City of Plymouth. In Belleville, the DDA is funding the bulk of the capital improvement projects set for this year.

Belleville Mayor Tom Fielder said that, although the DDA was pressured to help the general fund budget, the money will still be spent on general city projects, anyway.

"The DDA was established to revitalize downtown. If we don't succeed in doing that, then the tax base will never increase," said Dwyane Detlor, chairman of the Belleville DDA. "The more money they take from us for the general budget, the more the city will hurt themselves in the end."

Although he said he didn't want city officials thinking of the DDA as a 'cash cow,' Plymouth DDA Director Bob Anderson said he understood the idea behind the concept.

"If it's hard times and the DDA has got the money and if it can be used for something in the city, it probably should be used for something in the city," he said. "It's appropriate. If it was the city's money, they're be using it in the same way."

The Plymouth DDA contributed about \$150,000 toward the general fund this year, the most it's ever put forth. The money would go toward paying for things the city has always provided in the past – snow plowing, street maintenance and other services – but the city has had to ask every group that wants to put on a special event to cover the costs. Previously, those services had been donated.

A potential drawback, however, is that DDA officials no longer have as much control of their funds. In Plymouth, for example, the city won't be able to put up the same type of holiday light dis-

play as in years past; it will be scaled back, unless the DDA finds another way to pay for it.

It doesn't mean, though, that the respective DDAs won't have any funds left to pay for improvements within their boundaries, which is ostensibly what the legislation that created the districts sought to achieve. In Wayne, there will be \$1.2 million left for improvements and expenses. In Belleville, new lighting, brick pavers and other elements are part of the plan along Main Street.

Westland, which formed a DDA in 1996, will begin the first phase of streetscape improvements, too. The project will take place along Ford Road between Central City Parkway and Wayne Road. The plan includes installing brick walls, brick pavers and landscaping at an estimated cost about \$800,000. That project will most likely come in under budget, according to Planning Director Bruce Thompson, and those additional funds would provide additional features.

The ever-increasing values within the DDAs means that the districts would most likely survive, even in cash-strapped municipalities, and that's good news to most cities, according to Northville Mayor Christopher Johnson.

"I see the DDA continuing under their current structure," he said of his own downtown district. "I think it's a very vital part of the community."

Staff Writers Andrea King and Theresa Wherrett contributed to this story.

Logo needed for Northville Art House

The Northville Arts Commission is hosting a design contest for the new Art House in downtown Northville. The Art House is expected to sponsor art-related classes, workshops, exhibitions, recitals, and shows that will appeal to the entire community. The logo selected will be used on the facility sign, letterhead, marketing materials, and more.

All logos should be submitted in both black and white and color, if possible. However, artists should limit the number of colors used to create the piece to three. Submit all artwork in hard-copy and electronic form, if

applicable. All entries, marked with the applicant's name, address, phone number, and email address, must be received by Friday, July 9. The artwork should be submitted by mail to the Northville Arts Commission, c/o

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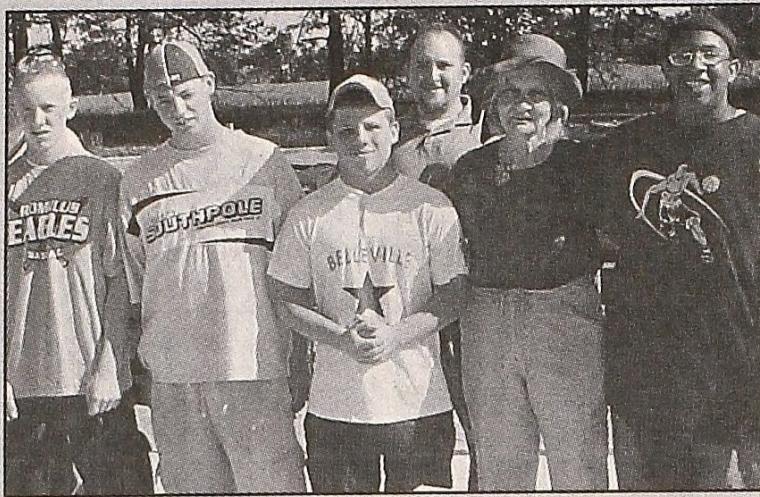
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An act of kindness

Belleville area resident and artist Jane Kovach, (second from right in photo at left) notices just about everything that happens in town, particularly the hard working students in the building trades program at Belleville High School. Kovach organized a pizza and goodies party for the students last week in honor of the completion of the house built on Bemis Road in Belleville. Kovach said that she regularly drove past the new residence to see the students working in all types of weather, and felt that students and staff should be commended for their hard work. Kovach filled the students with good food and a sense of appreciation. At left, she joins building trade students at the event. Also in attendance were Rill Currie (at left, photo at right) director of the Career and Tech Center and Instructor James Williams. School board members and Superintendent of Schools Pete Lazaroff also attended the event.



OBITUARIES

ESTES, Leoda V.

Leoda V. Estes, 68, of Belleville, died June 7.

Among her survivors are her husband of more than 35 years, James T. Estes; stepchildren, Angeline (Eddy) VanHoosier of Hoffman Estates, IL and Deborah Vargas of Belleville; half-brothers, Kenneth, Floyd and Ronnie Earl Perry, all of Kentucky, and eight grandchildren.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home.

Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park.

HAUTT, Hazel D.

Hazel D. Hautt, 82, of Romulus, died June 4.

Among her survivors are her husband, James D. Hautt; daughter, Peggy Columbo of Batavia, NY; a son, Andrew Finley of Kingman, AZ; a stepdaughter, Cindy Kraushaar of Pine River, MN; a stepson, Mark Hautt of Iowa City, IA; two grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; two step-grandchildren, and three step-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were at the Crane Funeral Home in Romulus with the Rev. Timothy Ammon of Hope Baptist Church in Romulus officiating.

NIERGARTH, Bruce P.

Bruce P. Niergarth, 69, of Romulus, died June 9.

Among his survivors are his wife, Deloris J. Niergarth; children, Donald (Kimberly) Niergarth of Union, KY, Joan (David) Henry of Romulus, Tina Hunt of Taylor and Tamara Riopelle of Romulus; a brother, Robert (Helen) Niergarth of Lincoln Park; a sister, Dolores Costea of Hale and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services were at the Crane Funeral Home in Romulus with the Rev. Timothy A. Ammon of Hope Baptist Church in Romulus officiating.

BORDT, George

George Bordt, 89, of New Boston, died June 9.

Among his survivors are his wife, Gladys; children, George (Nancy) Bordt, Evelyn (Gregory) Lassa and Herbert (Darlene) Bordt; grandchildren, Ryan, Jeremy, Allison, Jeffery, Jarrett, Joshua, Kyle, Alex and Emily, and a brother, Norman Bordt.

Funeral services were at the Taylor Chapel of the Howe-Petersen Funeral Home in Taylor.

Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock.

TARWATER, Elvin Jesse

Elvin Jesse Tarwater, 82, of Van Buren Township, died June 9.

Among his survivors are his wife, Johnnie Lou (Hancock); a son, Charles (Patricia) Tarwater of Ebensburg, PA; several nieces and nephews, and a grandson, Trevor Tarwater.

Mr. Tarwater served in the United States Navy during World War II and the Korean Conflict. He was a member of Maranatha Baptist Church in Belleville and a member of the Shriner's Club. He was a former member of the Masons.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with the Rev. Walker Harris officiating.

Interment was at Visalia Public Cemetery in Visalia, CA.

CROW, Beatrice A.

Beatrice A. Crow, a lifelong resident of Willis, died June 13.

Among her survivors are her children, Delia (David) Phillips of Green Valley, CA, Rhonda (Don) Lieberenz of Amarillo TX, Steven (Jan) Crow of Portage and Vanessa (Jim) Ebeling of Ann Arbor; brother, John (Carol) Pegouskie of Lewiston; sisters, Evelyn Knight of Tampa, FL, Isabella (Bob) Ward of Willis,

Margaret (Chuck) Adicks of Cope, SC and Elsie (Don) Alters of Belleville; sister-in-laws, Kay Pegouskie of Mio, Alma Lee Pegouskie and Jan Pagouski, both of Willis, and eight grandchildren.

A funeral mass was celebrated at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Belleville where Mrs. Crow was a member. Father Thomas H. Cusick was the celebrant. Mrs. Cusick was active with the Ladies Guild, the St. Theresa Circle and the Sara Retirement Group.

Interment was at Our Lady of Hope Cemetery in Brownstown Township.

Arrangements were entrusted to the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville.

BREAZEALE, Robert Jackson

Robert Jackson Breazeale, 78, of Belleville, died June 13.

Among his survivors are his wife of more than 57 years, Marion Rose (Schall) Breazeale; children, Robert (Sharon) Breazeale of Van Buren Township, Donna Jean (Dale) Bustner of Wisconsin and Denise Ford of Sumpter Township; brothers, Hardy Monroe (Joan) Breazeale and Don (Mary Jo) Breazeale; several nieces and nephews; great-nieces and great-nephews; nine grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Breazeale served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He retired from United Parcel Service after more than 20 years of employment.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with Dr. John N. Grenfell III officiating.

Interment was at Hillside Cemetery in Belleville.

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The Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, MI will receive bids for the demolition of buildings, structures and removal of debris on three parcels of land in the Township and located at 762 Sumpter Road, 44975 Hull Road and 13969 Elwell Road. Bid forms and demolition work specifications are available at the Township Clerk's office, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111, from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm, Monday – Friday and submitted to the Clerk's Office until 2:30 pm June 28, 2004 and will be publicly opened at 3:30 pm June 28, 2004. The Township reserves the right to reject any and all bids and is not required to accept the low bid and is an equal opportunity employer.

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NOTICE OF CORRECTION

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission held a public hearing in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, Michigan, 48111 on **Wednesday June 9 at 7:30 p.m.** to consider a zoning change. Notice stated description and proposed to be rezoned as below:

Parcel numbers V125-83-050-99-0001-000 approximately 118 acres proposed to be rezoned from RM – Multiple Dwelling Residential, M-1 General Industrial District and AG- Agricultural to OT- Office Research to RM – Multiple Dwelling Residential.

Correction to state:

Parcel numbers V125-83-050-99-0001-000 approximately 118 acres proposed to be rezoned from RM – Multiple Dwelling Residential, M-1-General Industrial District and AG-Agricultural to OT-Office/ Technology.

This will be an agenda item for action at the regular scheduled meeting to be held on June 23, 2004.

Publish: June 17, 2004

THE SCENE

'The Taking' is sure to disappoint

Book Review
The Taking
 Dean Koontz

Dean Koontz fans, prepare for some bad news.

Those expecting the usual compelling characterization and plotting that have kept Koontz on bestseller lists for decades are going to be sorely disappointed in *The Taking*.

Koontz' well-earned reputation and his mastery of the suspense genre are nowhere to be found in his latest effort. This novel is 338 pages of science fiction mixed haphazardly with religious philosophy that simply does not work. Well, not for readers expecting the usual Koontz mastery, anyway.

Koontz usually sends chills and thrills up readers' spines with his otherworldly creatures and villains with gruesome paranormal abilities or perhaps heroes who have psychic abilities due to science gone awry. But this time all we get are space aliens (eventually revealed as the legion of Satan) who invade earth with fast-growing plant spores.

Well, yeah, there are a few disgusting monsters thrown in, and mind control of the human victims, but all-in-all this is far more bad science fiction than good suspense.

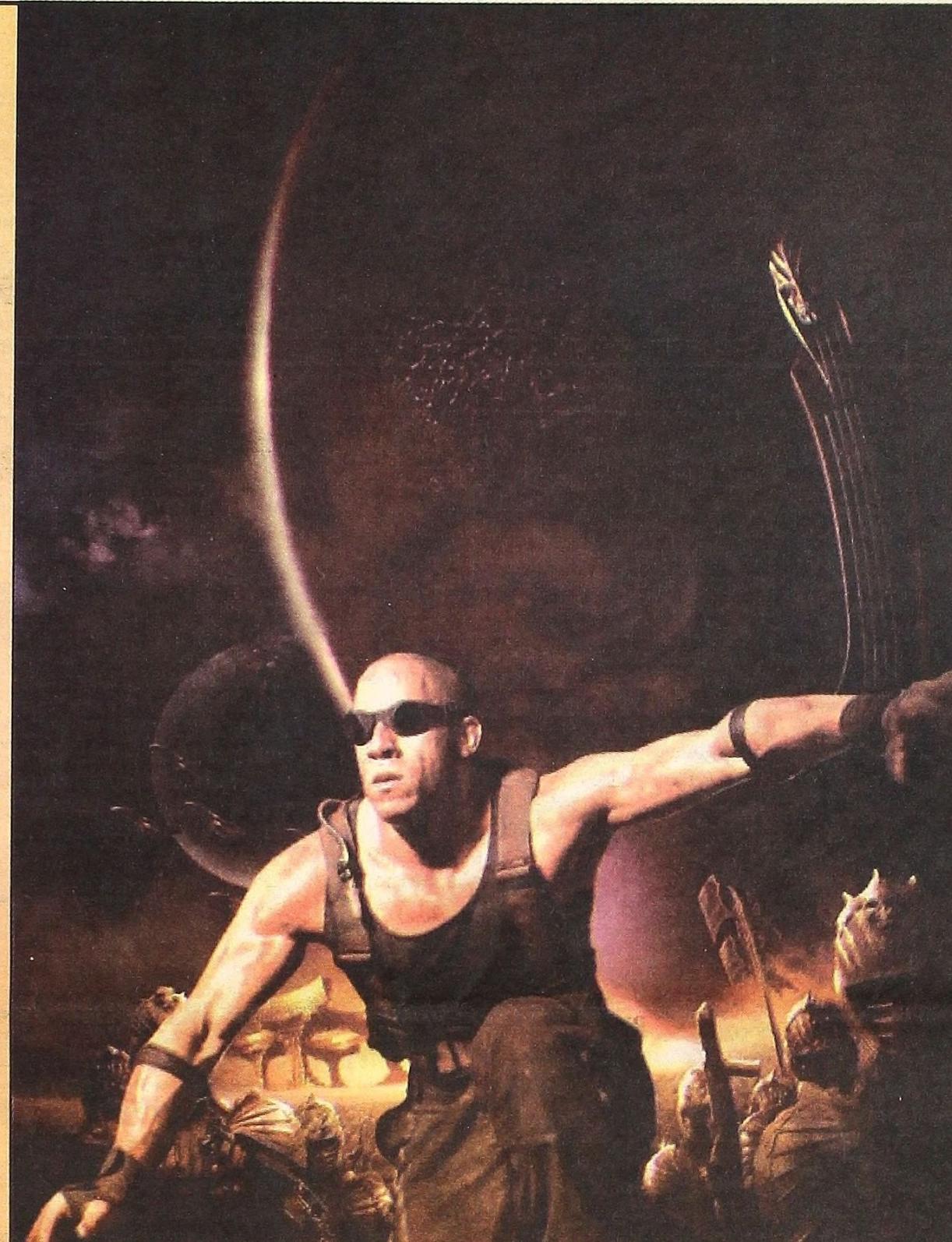
OK, here's the premise.

Husband and wife Neil and Molly Sloan are awakened from their sleep by a heavy rain in their small mountain home in California. Ooooh, the rain is spooooookie. It is luminous and by golly, the coyotes come up on the porch and they are scared, too. Lo and behold, television newscasters explain that there is all kinds of weather trouble everywhere. Across the country and throughout the world, the rain is being caused by millions of gallons of water being sucked out of the oceans and directed onto the cities and towns. Go figure.

Then there is no more internet, no radio and no TV. There are only people disappearing and horrible, slimy, strange plants and hideous molds growing in unlikely spots. Ooooh and scary noises of scrabbling things inside walls of houses. And some dead people. Or walking, talking dead people.

The only nice, living people are Neil, an ex-priest, (oh wait, that's supposed to surprise readers but anyone who hasn't

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'RIDDICK' ulous Bad actors, poor plot equal real 'disaster' for sci-fi film

Utterly Riddick-ulous! *The Chronicles of Riddick* takes the science fiction film genre to another level—about as low as possible.

"You keep what you take," appears to be the theme of the movie. *Chronicles* stole two hours of my life and \$8.50 from my wallet while all I got to keep was a ripped ticket stub and a nagging question—why?

Why did I see it? Why did they need to make a sequel to the sub-par sci-fi horror flick *Pitch Black*? And, why doesn't Vin Diesel learn to act?

I saw the darned thing because it is my job to try and provide information on new and supposed blockbuster films this summer. Granted, Riddick will probably earn enough money in the first weekend to earn that title, however, it doesn't mean I have to like it.

Not to rag on the film too much because I'm

sure all sci-fi lovers will enjoy the action and special effects packed thriller to pieces. On the other hand, I never thought that the high-impact action sequences and the mega bucks needed

for computer generation was worth much without talent in front of the camera. *Chronicles* and Diesel only reaffirm that conviction.

Was *Pitch Black* that big of a movie to warrant a sequel? No, but one was made anyway. So, here it goes:

Diesel reprises his role as the enigmatic anti-hero Richard B. Riddick. For five years after Riddick escaped the horror from the prequel, he

has been on the run from mercenaries who want to cash in on the bounty offered for his capture.

After narrowly escaping his "merc" nemesis

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Review by Jeff Novak

'True North' worthy of high praise

Book Review
True North
 Jim Harrison

John Counts
 Staff Writer

The "north" in the title of Jim Harrison's new novel, *True North*, refers to our state's elusive Upper Peninsula, the setting for Harrison's first major book to take place in his native Michigan.

While much of Harrison's work has been set in Michigan, Wolf, Warlock, and Sundog, to name a few, none of them have dealt with the history, character, and natural landscape of Michigan quite like *True North*.

Forget the Great American Novel, this is the Great Michigan Novel.

No one writes about northern Michigan quite like Harrison. In terms of literary territory, Elmore Leonard may have a firm hold on Detroit, but the rest of the state, especially north of the 45th parallel, belongs to Harrison.

And it's no wonder. He has lived the majority of his life there, fishing for trout, hunting for grouse, and hiking the woods. Recently, Harrison moved to Montana to be closer to his family. But while his address may have changed, his imagination is still immersed in our pleasant peninsula.

The narrator of the novel, David Burkett, shares his name with four preceding generations of Burketts, a wealthy and esteemed family in Marquette. They are the type of family that belongs to "the club" which, though it isn't mentioned directly, is a reference to the mysterious Huron Mountain Club, a huge tract of land along the Yellow Dog River in the Upper Peninsula which was the northern playground of people with last names like Ford and Firestone.

Burkett doesn't want to carry on the legacy of greed. He seeks to end the strain of evil that has permeated the previous generations. He is pained by his family's participation in the Michigan lumber industry, which in the 19th and early 20th century decimated the state white pine population. He is also convinced that this legacy is

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Stepford Wives

Film tiptoes around equality issues

Whatever happened to those days where men brought home the bacon and the wives cooked it? What happened to the days where one income was enough and all the women stayed home and created a lemon-fresh world for their hard-working husbands to come home to?

Despite the crumbling of the barrier between sexes, there are surely some men out there who despise the reversal and equalization of family roles and secretly wish for the return of America



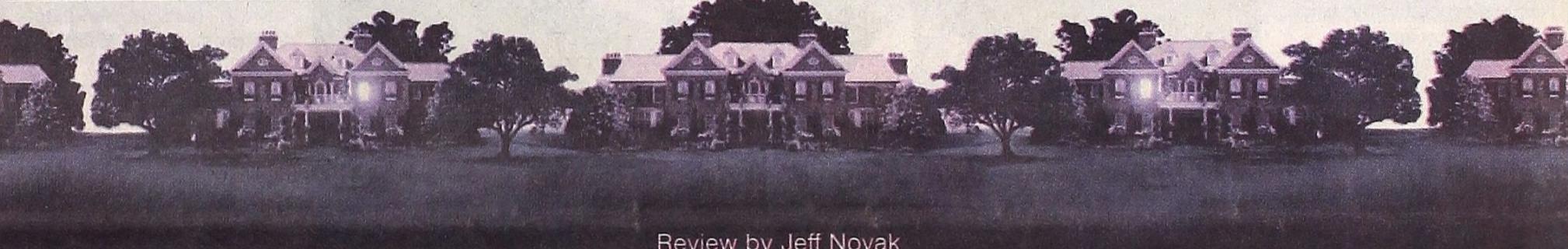
circa 1950.

These are issues that the newly released movie *The Stepford Wives* tiptoes around. Of course there are still major issues dealing with sexism in America today, but fewer than there were when the original *The Stepford Wives* hit the big screen in 1975.

The current *Wives* is a sophisticated and comic remake of the original suspense classic and of the story that was first told in the book of the same name by author Ira Levin in 1972.

The movie that opened nationwide Friday follows the original fairly closely with some modern societal issues thrown in for good measure.

The story follows Joanna Eberhart (Nicole Kidman) who leaves the pressures of corporate television and moves with her husband Walter (Matthew Broderick) and two daughters



Review by Jeff Novak



to the upper class suburb of Stepford, Connecticut. There, things seem a little artificial to Joanna—all of the wives, actually life in general, seem a little too perfect.

Joanna teams up with other new residents, Bobbie Markowitz (Bette Midler) and Roger Bannister (Roger Bart), to try and uncover the oddities of the Stepford wives led by Claire Wellington (Glenn Close). One by one, Joanna's friends are also turned into blank staring and submissive significant others, leaving Joanna on her own in her plight.

The trouble revolves around the mysterious Men's Association headed by Mike Wellington (Christopher Walken) and the strange mansion where the men of Stepford meet. Joanna uncovers

the truth, though. The men have banded together to replace their once powerful wives with cyborgs who are more subservient and sexually compliant than their true counterparts.

It's still a bit unclear if the men actually replace their wives or just change their brain capabilities. That's the major flaw of the film—no evidence clearly supports either method.

However, the ending is what sets the new version apart from the original. There is a great twist that actually helps to explain what was happening in the perfect little hamlet of Stepford while the original left you wondering.

Although the new version revisits an old issue, it rejuvenates it with modern social quandaries and a comedic edge. *The Stepford Wives* is a fun movie that refreshes the women's movement and has probably spurred men to form associations across the nation. Well, let's hope not.



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North

FROM PAGE 12

responsible for his immediate family problems: his mother pops pills and complains of "phantom pains" while her husband, David's father, is a prime example of bad behavior. He doesn't do much other than drink and chase young girls. Really young girls. At the heart of the book is a rape Burkett's father commits against a 12-year-old girl.

Early on in his life, Burkett decides to give his life over to a project concerned with finding out what exactly happened to his family, and, at the end of the book, trying to make things right again.

The book, which is divided into three parts, the 1960s, 1970s, and 1980s, follows Burkett from a sexually and spiritually precocious 16-year-old to an older, but just as questioning, version of himself. Burkett, like other Harrison characters, prefers the backwoods, and this is where he spends a lot of his time, armed with maps of the U.P., taking hikes into the woods and discovering stumps as far as he can see. This becomes his special spot. It's where his family made their money.

Taking

FROM PAGE 11

figured it out by chapter two isn't paying attention) and Molly, who determine that their mission is to save the children. They decide this based on the input of (hey, Koontz made this up, not me) a pack of beatific dogs.

Had enough? Yeah, by about page 85.

The wonderful stuff Koontz usually provides—his believable, likeable characters who capture readers' attention and have them rooting for them against any and all odds, simply are not here. Neil and Molly are not well formed enough—not familiar enough to elicit the kind of rapport Koontz usually generates with even minor characters.

But the monsters? The invaders? The devil's minions? Well there is more description of them, their actions, their smell, their colors, their look, their sound, their menace than anything else in the entire book. No matter how disgusting Koontz makes 'em, after awhile it is simply boring.

After the first oh, say, 24 threats are excruciatingly detailed and escaped, and there are still 200 pages to go, readers may

Most of all, though, like the maps Burkett carries around, *True North* is a mental map of one of America's strangest places, the U.P. But this is far from being what some call "regional" literature.

Besides Burkett's project, the novel is preoccupied with obsessions that are found in all of Harrison's work. They are, in no particular order, food, alcohol, sex, trout fishing, religion, and literature. Harrison, who's also a well-known poet, is a great prose stylist. This may not be his most stunning example, but his writing remains full, poetic, and wild punctuated by humor and horror.

True North makes a wonderful read for anyone not just familiar with the region, but for anyone who wants to see one of the best novelists of his generation at work.

find themselves skipping ahead to try to find some semblance of human interaction—the element that makes Koontz such a master of his art.

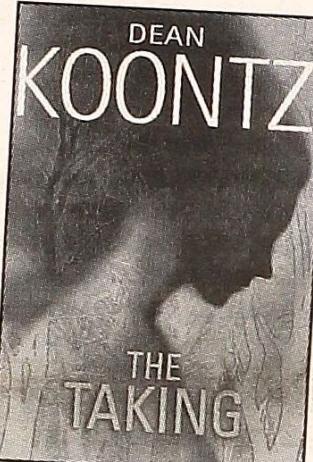
Give up. There isn't any. Just

more monsters. And more spores. And more gore. Yech!

And then, the exciting, albeit short climax—the devil and his ilk (remember, I warned you) have arrived in spaceships. But never fear, the children have been saved and miracles abound. Koontz slams down a soupcon of religion, a few Biblical parables and, call a cab, we're done here folks.

Koontz fans will expect him, as usual, to deliver a great, entertaining read. Unfortunately, not this time.

Maybe the devil made him do it.
Not recommended.



Film

FROM PAGE 12

Toombs (Nick Chinlund), Riddick finds himself on the planet Helion that has been invaded by the Lord Marshal (Colm Feore). The Lord Marshal is the ruthless spiritual leader of the Necromonger warrior army bent on infiltrating and destroying worlds. He also targets the human race and subjugates them into his Necromonger society.

Toombs manages to capture Riddick on Helion and drag him to a subterranean prison in a far-off planet where the nights reach to sub-arctic degrees and the days reach to blistering volcanic temperatures. There, he meets Kyra (Alexa Davalos), one of the few surviving members of *Pitch Black*.

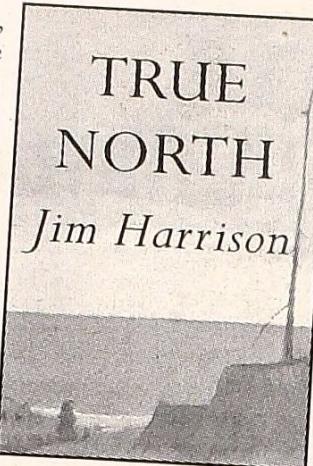
In the first installment Kyra posed as a very young boy named Jack but in *Chronicles*, a mere five years later, she a very mature and beautiful inmate of the same prison in which Riddick is confined. She is now a fearless killer with fighting abilities that rival those of Riddick.

At the prison the audience learns that Riddick's glowing blue eyes are not only used to obtain enhanced night vision but they can also tame menacing computer generated prison dogs. Don't worry, that's only ONE of the really cheesy scenes. There are others that just don't fit the storyline or are poorly designed and explained. For instance, Judi Dench, a great actress in her own right, plays an "eternal". Despite the cool effects, the importance of the character is never fully developed leaving the audience members, or at least this one, in limbo concerning the significance of the character.

Riddick, a master of escape and killing, manages for him and Kyra to escape from the prison but end up on a Necromonger command ship.

There, Riddick engages in a battle against the Lord Marshal with the balance of the entire galaxy hanging on the outcome. But, Riddick beware—you keep what you take.

Fans of *Dune*, *Stargate*, *Pitch Black* or just Vin Diesel will fall in love with the epic sci-fi sequel. Those who are looking for a little more—say acting—should look elsewhere.



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Night life

Long awaited club now open in Wayne

Scott Spielman
Editor

Wayne businessman Robert Wojtowicz was able to unveil his dream recently.

His long-awaited and long-under-construction night club, Club Xtreme, opened two weeks ago in the City of Wayne.

Located on Michigan Avenue, just west of Wayne Road, the nightclub has already proved popular with young people from throughout the area.

"We haven't had any problems," Wojtowicz said. "It's been a nice, happy crowd."

The club is open four nights a week, and been through a rigorous construction period that started nearly two years ago, Wojtowicz said. It transformed a historic building and former tavern and antique shop into a place where young people can congregate, dance and have a good time, he said. The inside of the first floor had been painted throughout, with splashy art on the walls, re-carpeted and renovated into a large dance area, lounging areas and a VIP room. On the far side, on a raised platform, well-known disc jockeys mix music and a light jockey controls the laser and light show that keeps the atmosphere sparkling at the club.

It's only the first phase of what Wojtowicz hopes to be a three-floor nightclub that provides more than 20,000 square feet of entertainment.

"This building was meant to be a night club," he said. "It's too big to be anything else."

Wojtowicz said he had the idea to bring a nightclub to western Wayne County for several years, now. He and his wife, Pam, took six months before they planned Club Xtreme to visit various nightclubs throughout the Detroit metro area, particularly the city itself.

"We wanted to go out and ask people what they wanted," Wojtowicz said. "The biggest response we got was they wanted one closer."

It made sense, he said, to provide a place like that so people didn't have to drive down into the sometimes-dangerous portions of Detroit. The club, geared toward people aged 18 and up, is in a



Club Xtreme has attracted large crowds since it opened earlier this month.

much safer location, more central.

The club is open from Wednesday to Saturday, with regular guest DJs scheduled every day, according to Wojtowicz.

Ultimately, he said he hopes to open up the lower and upper levels of the club to rooms that mirror the first floor. He envisions pool tables and more VIP rooms in the basement, and a small arcade with additional rooms on the second floor. There would be a bar on each, and dancing and music throughout.

Until that happens, he said he would concentrate on making the first floor as successful as possible and making sure the club isn't an inconvenience to neighbors or the city that hosts it.

"I'm here to correct problems. I'm here forever," he said. "I want to be here for a long time, not a short time. If you're here, and you're not having a good time, there's a problem."

City officials have wished Wojtowicz well in the venture because of the potential of the

club to bring more people into the city, which may bring more money and more development.

"I hope he's successful," said Hal Hultman, vice-chair of the Wayne 2020 Committee. "It could be good for the city."



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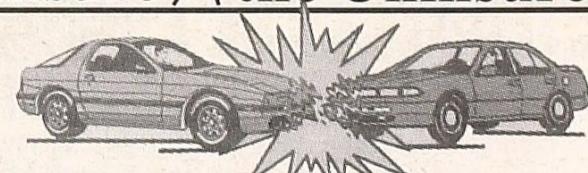
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SPORTS

Mustangs net stars rein in regional championship

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Northville Mustangs overcame Ann Arbor Pioneer's stalwart defense to ride to a 4-1 victory and captured the Division I Region 2 soccer championship Friday night in Canton.

"We knew going into the game that Pioneer plays back on defense. They always do," said Northville Coach Ron Meteyer. "Their sweeper, Sarah Burns, is a solid defender and we knew it would be a battle."

Northville's sophomore forward Lauren Hill put the first nick in Pioneer's defense. She accepted a pass from senior Deanne Kubas and put the ball in the lower left corner of the goal to give the 'Stangs a 1-0 lead.

Despite Northville's constant pressure, Pioneer stayed tough on defense to hold Northville to a

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defense and she went one-on-one with the goalie. Meteyer said it was an unfair match-up and Toney put the ball in to make it a 2-0 game just 2:41 into the second half.

Again Toney's quickness drove her deep into Pioneer territory where she dribbled the ball past

1-0 game at the end of the first half.

"I think (Pioneer's) strategy was to keep it a low-scoring game and send it into overtime," Meteyer said. "They moved Burns up to midfield, which is normally a good strategy, but it wasn't this time. We took advantage of the lesser-experienced defenders."

The Mustangs maintained the pressure from the first half and it didn't take long for freshman scoring sensation Danielle Toney to extend the lead. Her quickness took her past the

four defenders and put her second goal in from three yards out, according to Meteyer. The goal gave Northville a commanding 3-0 lead.

With six minutes left in the game, Meteyer said he put the rest of his substitutes in so everyone had a chance to play.

Ann Arbor took advantage of the replacements and scored their first and only goal of the night. Burns moved the ball up to junior mid-fielder Becky Prokopiak, who put the ball past sophomore goalie Katie Weicksel to make it 3-1.

Although Pioneer continued the pressure, the Mustangs continued to dominate.

Sophomore Lindsey Blair gained control of the ball and passed it up to junior mid-fielder Jen Kritch, who rifled a shot from 15 yards out to put the game away with only 50 seconds left on the clock.

Deanne Kubas avoids a slew of Dearborn defenders in Northville's 2-1 victory last Tuesday. The win vaulted the Mustangs into the regional finals where they overcame the Ann Arbor Pioneers 4-1. Kubas recorded an assist on the first goal of the game.

School in the first round of regional play on Tuesday.

Dearborn kept it close but Northville marched out with a 2-1 victory.

"We tucked it away in the last three minutes of the game," Meteyer said.

The shifty junior forward Amy Cauzillo scored the first goal of the night. She raced up the field in a full run and managed to fire a left-footed shot into the right corner of the goal from 16-yards out, according to Meteyer.

"I've never seen her make that shot before," he said.

The shot was good and it gave the Mustangs the early lead. Dearborn bounced back, though, and scored off of a direct kick to knot the score, 1-1. With 10:29 left in the half a Dearborn forward blasted a shot from 22 yards out. It sailed high and snuck under the cross bar, Meteyer said. There was nothing Weicksel could do.

With the game tied 1-1 the defense wasn't quick enough to

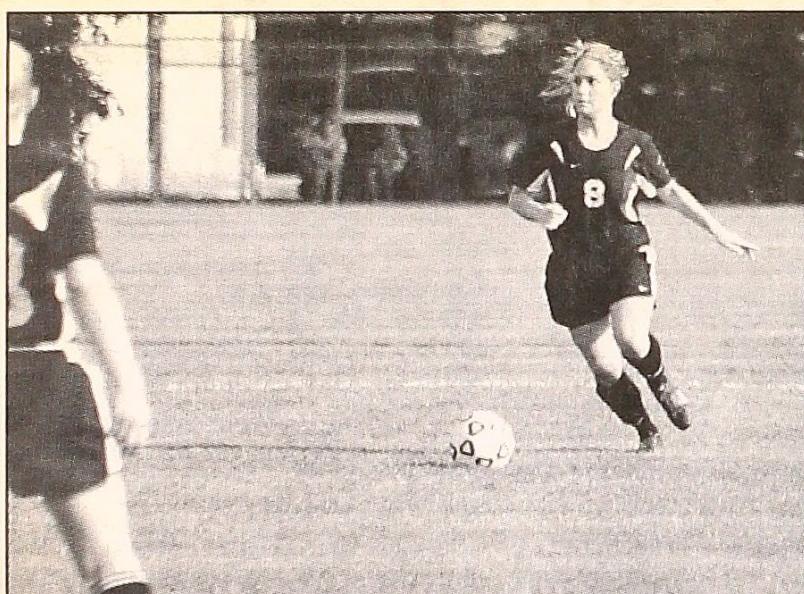
stop the speedy Toney as she received a pass from senior defender Loren Tacconelli. Toney had her back to the goal and moved away from it. She then used her quickness to turn the corner on the defender and took the goalie by surprise. She booted the ball past Dearborn goalkeeper Amy Golem to put the Mustangs up 2-1 with 2:57 left in the game, according to Meteyer.

Northville held on for the win that sent them to the regional final against Ann Arbor Pioneer.

The Mustangs faced Brighton in the final-four match up on Wednesday but the results were unavailable at press time for this edition. Meteyer did say a few words before the game, though.

"We will have to rely on our quickness and our bench," he said. "We have a deep bench that's been helping us all year."

The winner of the game will take on the winner of the Grand Blanc and Grosse Point South game for the State Championship on Saturday in Okemos.



Loren Tacconelli (above) assisted Danielle Toney on the winning goal against Dearborn with less than three minutes left in the game.

Northville falls short in regional play, Newman retires

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Northville Mustangs' 7-0 loss to the top state-ranked Ann Arbor Pioneer on Saturday wasn't just the end of the season for the baseball team. It was the end of an era for Head Coach Mickey Newman.

After 11 years at the helm of what turned out to be a powerhouse of a baseball team, he decided to call it quits. It wasn't the loss that decided it, he said, it was the commands of daily life and his day-time job.

"Work was becoming too demanding and was making it too difficult to make it out for baseball," he said. "I was really facing the inevitable."

"I'm glad I decided to go one more year, this year," he added. "This has been a great group of kids to work with."

Newman grew up in Northville, went to Northville High School and played baseball for the Mustangs in the early 1980's before he took over the coaching position 11 years ago. He ended his reign with a 158-105 record and led the team to three straight District Championship titles in his final three years.

"It's been tremendous to have him as a part of Northville baseball for so long," said Bryan Masi, Northville athletic director. "It's hard to find a team that has won three straight district titles and a coach that has led them the way he has."

"He was always a strong baseball guy," Colligan said. "He was an intense competitor. He played the game the way you want kids to play the game."

Newman went on to coach the junior varsity team and, once the varsity position opened up, Colligan didn't have a problem hiring him.

"He's done a great job developing the program," he added. "We hope that we can continue the tradition that he helped put together."

Dennis Colligan, the principal of Northville High School, was the athletic director that hired Newman. He and Newman go way back. Colligan was his coach in seventh grade and he watched him grow through the years.

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"I really felt comfortable hiring Mickey with his background in the program," Colligan said. "His team always shows up determined to play. They play hard and reflect his attitude."

"I'm pleased I was the AD that hired him," he added. "We're going to miss him. He gave us a lot of good years."

Whoever takes Newman's place will have big shoes to fill. However, there will be seven juniors and one sophomore returning to next year's line-up and the team will get some fresh faces when they bring up junior varsity players from a team that went 21-3 for the season.

The Mustangs will lose seven seniors, including star pitcher Mark Sorenson who was 9-1 for

the season. He recently committed to Michigan State University and received both athletic and academic scholarships. State just happens to be Newman's alma mater.

Starting shortstop Brendan Buckley will also be missed next year. He recently committed to Eastern Michigan University as a preferred walk on, according to Newman.

Other seniors that graduated were Brett Asher, Jake Dumbleton, Jimmy Cicala, Doug Thompson and Brian Tellish.

Against Ann Arbor Pioneer, the Mustangs struggled to get hits and when they did they couldn't get runners across the plate,

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Around the field

Summer baseball, softball camps in Northville

Total Baseball/Total Softball will host their Total Baseball/Total Softball Summer Camps in Novi from June 14-16 at Powers Park and in Northville from June 21-23 at Community Park. All Camps are from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for ages 7-17 years old.

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Fall soccer registration continues in Plymouth

The City of Plymouth Recreation Department will be taking fall youth soccer registration the entire month of June at the Recreation Office, during business hours Monday thru Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

All first-time registrations require a birth certificate. The fee for under-6 thru under-8 year old divisions is \$60 for City of Plymouth residents and \$85 for non-residents. For under-9 and older divisions the fee is \$65 for residents and \$95 for non-residents.

For more information call (734) 455-6620 or check out www.ci.plymouth.mi.us to download registration forms.

4th Annual Northville Summer Lacrosse Camp

Northville Parks and Recreation will host their 4th Annual Northville Summer Lacrosse Camp June 21-25. The camp is opened to youngsters from ages 9-13 and will welcome beginners. The camp will run from 9:00 a.m. to noon every day.

The fee is \$150 and will be directed by John Bear, head coach of the Michigan Knights. For more information contact the Northville Parks and Recreation office at (248) 349-0203.

Registration for summer recreation classes starts in Plymouth

The City of Plymouth is now accepting registration for its Summer 2004 Recreation Classes. Youth programs

include: Jumpa-A-Rama Play Program, Gymnastics, Dance, Babysitter's Training, Tae-Kwon-Do and Ceramics workshops. Adult and senior programs include: Walking Club, Scrapbooking, Yoga and various Fitness programs. For more information contact the Recreation Department at (734) 455-6620 or check out the website at www.ci.plymouth.mi.us.

Hershey's Track and Field Youth Program

The Van Buren Township Recreation Department is inviting all youth between the ages of 9-14 to come out to the Belleville High School Track for a local competition at noon on Sunday, June 27. There is no cost.

Hershey Track and Field is a physical fitness participation event for the youth of North America.

Kids will compete in various events such as the 50, 100, 200, 400, 800 meter dashes, short jump, long jump and softball throw. One winner from each age bracket and gender will advance on to compete against other agencies at the State Finals in Holt, Michigan on Friday, July 9.

Van Buren Township will provide the

transportation to the State Finals. Participants are required to bring a sack lunch and a water bottle.

Van Buren Township Recreation offers summer T'ai Chi

Van Buren Recreation is still accepting registration for the Introduction to T'ai Chi summer classes. The session will run for six weeks from 6-7 p.m. on Fridays from July 16 thru August 20.

The cost is \$10 for Van Buren residents and \$15 for non-residents.

The course will cover basic t'ai chi movements along with breathing, relaxation and energy exercises. Participants are encouraged to wear comfortable clothing and shoes.

Those who want to participate can register at the Community Services Desk, Monday-Friday between 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Sunday noon to 5:00 p.m. The Van Buren Community Center is located at 46425 Tyler Road between Belleville and Beck roads. Registration is first-come, first served basis.

For more information contact (734) 699-8921 or visit the website at www.vanburen-mi.org.

Baseball

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according to Newman.

Underclassmen Steve Besk, Charlie Thomas and Matt Williams all hit singles but they were unable to score. Sorenson

struggled from the mound and recorded his only loss.

"He didn't have good command on his curve ball and Pioneer figured that out," Newman said.

"Besides that he put together a solid day and was hitting some good spots."

The Pioneers had two home-

runs in the first two innings to put them up 3-0 after two. They added three runs in the fifth and one more in the seventh to secure the win.

It didn't help that Northville faced probably the best pitcher in the state, according to Newman. Ann Arbor junior Zak Putnam put together a four-hitter to win the

game, 7-0. He was also chosen to play in the high school All-star game in Maryland later this summer.

"He was dynamite," Newman said. "He was the real deal and he's only a junior."

Ann Arbor went on to beat Southgate Anderson, 10-0, in the Division I state championship

game Saturday evening.

Although the loss was disappointing, three straight district championships is nothing to feel bad about.

"I'm going out happy," Newman said.

"It was an easy season to talk about—the kids played great. I have no regrets. It was all good."

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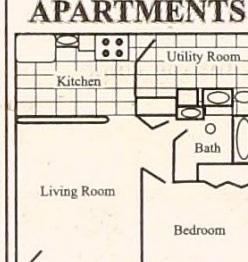
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1984 DODGE

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1FALP13P5WW104907
1993 Pontiac Grand Am 4 Door-Red
1G2NE54N0PC722995
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1FAPP11J6MW148394
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1G6CD5153J4285430
1983 Dodge Van Brown
2B4GB11T3DK289130

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1993 Chevy Sportsvan Gray
2GNEG25K1P4107442
1989 Lincoln Towncar 4 Door-Brown
1LNBM82F1KY732862
1991 Ford Ranger PK TRK-Green
1FTCR151X6MTA17470
1984 Pontiac 4 Door-Tan
2G2AF19R6E1229969
1993 Ford Econoline Van-White
1FTDE14Y9PHB88988
1993 Ford AeroStar STWGN-Green
1FMCA11U5PZC29597
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1FMEE11N5JHA86511
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1G2NE54N2PC708306
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1G2AF54RXL6262297
1994 Ford Econoline SW-Blue/GRN
1FDDE14N9RHB24698
1985 Mercury Topaz 2 Door-Blue
1MEBP72X9FK644521
1994 Lincoln Towncar 4 Door-Blue
1LNLM81WXRY698257
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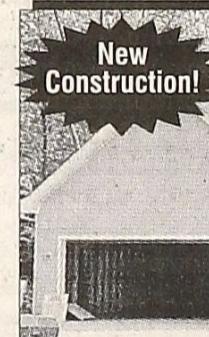
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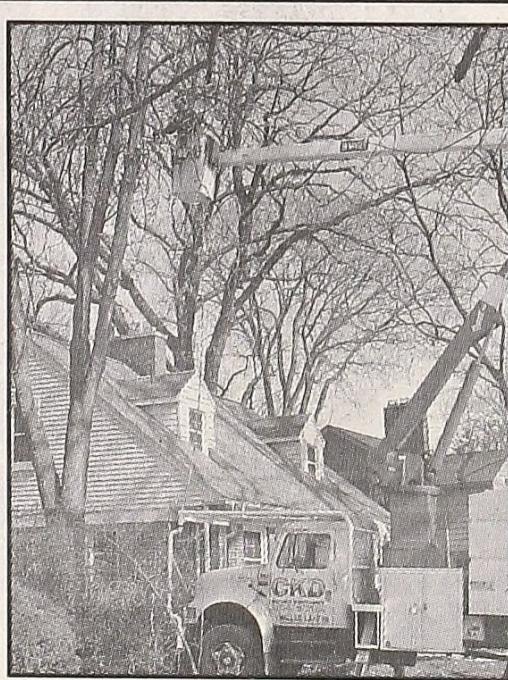
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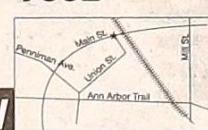
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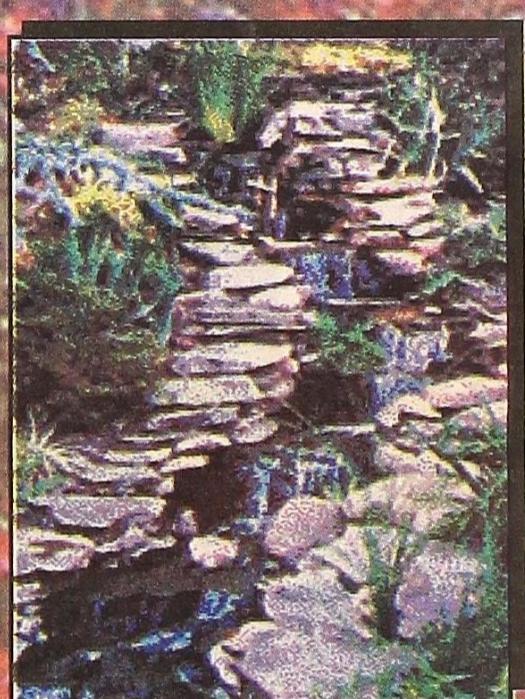
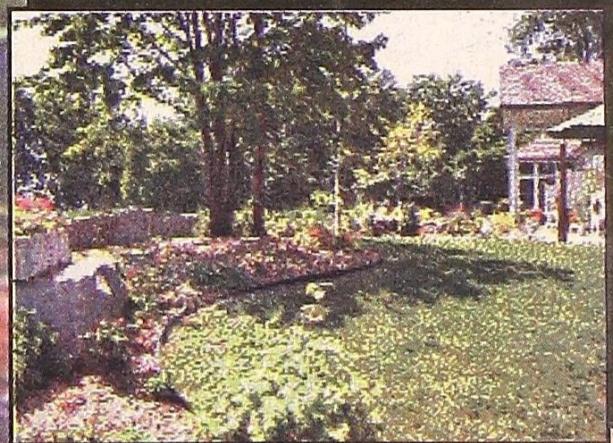
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